

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1593

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

February 22, 2005

An act relating to child nutrition.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1593, as introduced, Coto. Child nutrition.

Existing law, the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), authorizes establishment of a statewide program, administered by the State Department of Health Services, for providing nutritional food supplements to low-income pregnant women, low-income postpartum and lactating women, and low-income infants and children under 5 years of age, who have been determined to be at nutritional risk. The program, which implements a program authorized under existing federal law, provides for the redemption of nutrition coupons by recipients at any authorized retail food vendor.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that the disqualification of vendors under the state WIC program complies with the federal Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, that would require proof of intent and a pattern of violation for vendor disqualification, and that would require that a WIC vendor be provided with adequate notice prior to disqualification.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation in subsequent amendments that would do all of the
3 following:
- 4 (a) Ensure that the disqualification of vendors under the
5 California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women,
6 Infants, and Children (Article 2 (commencing with Section
7 123275) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 106; WIC) complies
8 with the federal Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of
9 2004 (P.L.108-265).
- 10 (b) Require proof of intent and a pattern of violation for
11 vendor disqualification under the state WIC program.
- 12 (c) Require that a vendor under the state WIC program be
13 provided with adequate notice of an alleged violation of law prior
14 to disqualification.